

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our sports programs strive to teach and communicate good sportsmanship and provide a positive message to the youth in our program. Our children look to us to provide a safe and fun environment in which to compete. It is imperative that our coaches and spectators demonstrate sportsmanlike behavior at all times. In an effort to promote positive behavior by all coaches, players, and parents we have implemented a Code of Conduct (described below), which sets forth a non-exhaustive list of acceptable and unacceptable behavior and the consequences of engaging in unacceptable behavior.

Required Behavior for Coaches, Parents & Spectators

- 1. Encourage good sportsmanship through words and actions.**
- 2. Provide positive comments for good play and effort.**
- 3. Encourage players to be good winners and accept losses with good sportsmanship.**
- 4. Promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of your personal desire to win.**
- 5. Remember that children play sports for their enjoyment, not for the coach's or parents' satisfaction.**
- 6. Head and assistant coaches will demand that athletes treat all players, coaches, parents and spectators with dignity in language, attitude, behavior and mannerisms.**
- 7. Accept decisions of the officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability.**
- 8. Do not permit an ineligible player to participate in a game.**

Prohibited Behavior for Coaches, Parents & Spectators

The following is a non-exhaustive list of unacceptable behaviors which, in an umpire's discretion, could warrant an immediate ejection for a coach, assistant coach, player, parent or spectator involved.

- 1. Making physical contact with any player, coach, official, or spectator.**
- 2. Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative or spectator.**
- 3. Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms.**
- 4. Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.**
- 5. Directly criticizing umpires, players, coaches, parents or spectators.**
- 6. Defacing or damaging property belonging to any individual, team or association.**
- 7. Willingly and actively participating in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials.**
- 8. Inciting anyone to become involved in any of the above-listed behaviors.**

Consequences of Engaging in Unacceptable Behavior

All head and assistant coaches are responsible for complying with the Code of Conduct, providing copies of the Code of Conduct to players and parents, informing spectators of its contents, and using every reasonable means to ensure compliance therewith by parents and other spectators.

During games, officials will not interact with spectators. When a violation occurs that warrants an immediate ejection, the violator will be ejected and suspended from the next regular season or playoff game and the head coach will be warned to address his respective spectators to ensure that no further unacceptable behavior occurs. For unacceptable conduct that does not warrant an immediate ejection, the team will still be given a warning and the coach will be directed to address his spectators.

Once a team warning is given, any subsequent violation may, at the umpire's discretion, result in the immediate ejection of the head coach (or assistant coach if the head coach is absent or was already suspended) and the violator. Both the coach and the violator will be suspended from the next scheduled regular season or playoff game (unless the Board determines that the coach took every reasonable step to prevent such conduct by the spectator).

In the event of an ejection of any player, coach, assistant coach, parent or spectator from a game for any reason, such ejection must be noted on the Official Game Report giving the name of the individual who has been ejected and a brief description of the events leading up to the ejection. The Official Game Report is then submitted to the umpire at the completion of the game and subsequently given to the Lead Official and the appropriate Sports Board.

If the same individual is ejected a second time during the season, that individual will be ineligible to participate in league events for the remainder of season. League events include but are not limited to, team practices, games, playoff games, World Series games, and team parties and/or gatherings.

The undersigned Head Coach hereby acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the Code of Conduct, agrees to abide by the Code of Conduct; and agrees to distribute the Code of Conduct to his/her team's assistant coaches, players and parents and to discuss it with them.

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DATE

Coach Name (print)

Team /Level /Color

Name -Signature

Name -Print